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of the Chinese population in Singapore, and their numbers, it is evident to any outsider that it would have been most imprudent to have adopted "watering" measures. The Chinese in the Straits Settlements are usually law-abiding people, but it once roused to rebellion action by the heads of the Secret Societies they are ready for any deed of violence. Knowing this fact, and aware that the European portion of the community is a more handful in their midst, the Authorities seem to have resolved upon impressing the rioters with a conviction of the will and ability of the Government to put down such manifestations of feeling. Had they shown any vacillation on the occasion, it is possible that a much more serious demonstration would have been made, for emboldened by success such a mob as that which assembled in Market Street, Singapore, on the 13th ult., would have gone proceeded to plunder and outrage the peaceful inhabitants unconnected with their alleged grievance.

The riot, it appears, originated in the following circumstances. It having been decided to open a Chinese sub-post-office, a Chinese firm was appointed to conduct it. This firm issued a notice, from which the following is an extract:—"On the 30th of the present month, that is, 10th December, 1876, we shall open our office in Market Street, Singapore. Any gentleman who wishes to send letters to us will send them to our office made up in the usual form and they will be forwarded, or answers will be returned in the quickest and most speedy manner. There will be no failure on our part. If people persist in secretly forwarding letters, they will when found out be strictly examined and dealt with according to law. Besides this we have received permission from the Government to carry on money-letter-office and our firm dare guarantee to transfer against any loss or mistake on transmission. Everything will be done in the most thorough manner for the mutual benefit of all. Any honourable gentleman wishing to remit money may do it through our office, and the scale of fees for money letters will be 10 cents; certain fees for money letter value \$1, 10 cents; certain fees for \$3, 10 cents per dollar; certain fees for \$4, 6 cents per dollar; 85 cents per dollar; for above \$5, 5 cents per dollar. For sums above \$100 a cheaper rate will be charged by private arrangement." This notice seems to have caused great indignation amongst the Chinese community, and a proclamation was extensively posted, on the 13th ult., two days before the disturbances, offering reward of \$100 to any "honest or virtuous man who would cut off the heads of the Post Office farmers." To this a counter proclamation was issued by the Police, stating that the new post office was established in order to benefit the people and to enable them to send letters to their friends, that there was nothing like a firm or any such business, and offering a reward of \$200 for information leading to the arrest of the people who wrote or circulated the placard above referred to. This was followed up by other notices from the leaders of the disturbances. On the morning of the 15th, soon after the sub-post-office had been opened for business, a crowd collected and thoroughly sacked it. The Police appeared on the scene, but the Chinese, instead of dispersing, attacked them and appear to have "severely" handled Mr. Blackwell, who was at the head of the force. The disturbance, however, was quelled by the police without the aid of the military.

It is announced that another Japanese officer has been sent to Hongkong, and the Vice-Admiral's flagship is to be the *Yamashiro*. The number of foreigners under the British flag has been greatly reduced of late, and at the present time there are only six, all of whom, with one exception, that of a Swede, are Japanese.

At 12 o'clock a number of the Portuguese

and Mr. Windfall, who was looking on, jumped overboard to his性命, but to no avail, and both sank. In the endeavour to rescue them, two sailors were drowned, thus making a loss of four lives. The *Yamashiro* was rather rough at the time, and the vessel was going at a good speed.

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A REPLY
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Sir.—Understand, to be disgruntled at the conduct of the Government, is not a sin, but the circumstances are totally different. In a population distrustful of the "red-haired barbarian," and scarcely less distrustful of each other, care should have been taken to insure confidence by letting it be clearly understood that the office was under the immediate and direct control of the Government, in the persons of duly appointed officials. The course adopted was likely to bring the service into contempt. The Chinese were evidently under the impression that they would be "squeezed" by the managers of the sub-office, and in the Clubhouse, which is situated in a small Chinese shop. At home, it is true, smallshopkeepers are often postmasters, but the circumstances are totally different. In a population distrustful of the "red-haired barbarian," and scarcely less distrustful of each other, care should have been taken to insure confidence by letting it be clearly understood that the office was under the immediate and direct control of the Government, in the persons of duly appointed officials. The course adopted was likely to bring the service into contempt.

I am, Sir, Your's &c. LEARNED.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1877.

THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY AND
THE NEW BISHOP OF MACAO.

A meeting of the Portuguese residents was held on Sunday, the 3rd ult., at 11 a.m. at the Iustitia Club for the purpose of reconsidering the matter of presentation of an address to the Bishop of Macao. About one hundred persons were present, and the following passage occurs:—

"Although they are only going to charge us according to the old rate, afterwards they will raise the fees very much. Their hearts and disposition cannot be satisfied; they will very soon raise up the rates, till they are heavy and will not send letters." The rate charged for the transmission of money is certainly heavy enough.

Mr. P. A. DA COSTA, having been invited to take the chair, said that he and the gentlemen at whose request the directors of the Club had convened the meeting, for which he begged to thank the directors, were much surprised by the arrival of Bishop Macao. About one hundred persons were present, and the following passage occurs:—

"The Clubhouse, which is situated in a small Chinese shop, has been given up to the Bishop, and he is to have the use of it for his residence, and the Clubhouse is to be given up to the new Bishop." The Clubhouse, which is situated in a small Chinese shop, has been given up to the Bishop, and he is to have the use of it for his residence, and the Clubhouse is to be given up to the new Bishop.

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SIR CHARLES DILKE AGAIN.

In an article published in Macmillan's Magazine for October, Sir Charles Dilke wrote:—
"In the valley of Chatmore, ruled by a prince, there is a town called 'Our Town'—our town, and our offices, travelling for our health, are not only compelled to make use of passports, but are tied down by local rules as to the rate at which they shall move, and the number of servants in their service."

In reply to these animadversions on the Kafur Government, Sir Douglas Forsyth remarks that the passport system was introduced by the late Sir H. Bulwer, and Lord Dalhousie, that it would be the traders being held down by local rules as to rates, &c. "If this be a matter of complaint, the party to blame is not the Mahârâjah so much as the British Government. It is added, that to those who have this complaint, the party to blame is not the Mahârâjah but his Servants, and the decision which the authorities have arrived at to renew the law in the spring will not be unguided by the country's interest."

The author of the article, however, does not

only wish to view the Russians on the frontier as not inflicting such a chastisement upon the population of Balchak as will keep the territory all servile, but also, that he himself, only the side not bounded with him, three-fourths of his side have been allowed to go home. It fact the play is played out as regards Servia, and the decision which the authorities have arrived at to renew the law in the spring will not be unguided by the country's interest."

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